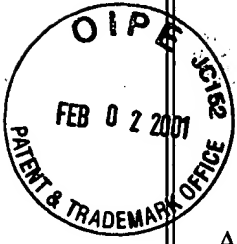


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Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98. It is understood that the information provided herein is solely for the purpose of fulfilling Applicants' obligations under the law and should not be construed as nor is it intended to be an admission of prior art.

As this Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a First Office Action but prior to the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance, the Statement is believed to be

timely in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). The fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.117(p) is enclosed.

A copy of each of these references along with a Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith.

U.S. PATENTS

<u>U.S. PATENT NO.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
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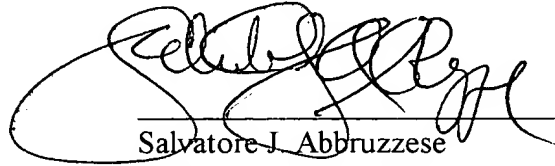
II. FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

<u>PUBLICATION NO.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>PUBLICATION DATE</u>
EPO 0 237 037 A2		March 3, 1987
EPO 0 531 547 A1	Composite Artificial Blood Vessel	March 17, 1993
WO 92/00110	Carvable Implant Material	January 9, 1992
DE 1 494 939	Implantation material and Method of Making Same	June 4, 1969

An English translation of German Patent No. 1 494 939 is enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner in reviewing this patent.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments with regard to this Information Disclosure Statement, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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